

# Young people in Wetherby

Outer North East Area Committee— 2010

## APPENDIX 1

**The Boston Spa Children's Centre** is currently located in the old Clifford Primary School on the High Street in Clifford. We are hoping to move into the new building on Deepdale Lane in Boston Spa at the beginning of 2011.

The vision of a Sure Start Children's Centre is as follows:

A Sure Start Children's Centre in every community, a focal point for families, providing a range of integrated services such as access to health and parenting support services, advice and information about healthy lifestyles, and access to high quality childcare and early years education. Working in partnership with the local community and other agencies, we aim to play a central role in achieving positive outcomes for children and their families so that all children have the opportunity to achieve their potential to develop into healthy, happy and confident members of society.

The Children's Centre's core offer is:

- improved access to services for families living in less disadvantaged and more affluent areas.

This means that the following services are going to be offered or commissioned:

- Appropriate support and outreach to families who have been identified as in need of them: such as isolated parents/carers and children at risk of social exclusion - including health visitors linked with the centre;
- Information and advice to fathers and mothers/carers on a range of subjects including local childcare, looking after babies and young children;
- Support to childminders through a quality assured, co-ordinated network e.g. providing shared training opportunities, loan of toys and equipment;
- Drop in sessions and other activities for children, mothers and fathers/carers at the centre, e.g. play groups, parent groups;
- Links with Job Centre Plus, to encourage and support labour market participation for parents/ carers who wish to consider training and employment;
- Access to community health services; including ante-natal services.

We are consulting with the community to find out what they would like to be offered in the centre, as well as looking for volunteers with time on their hands who would like to share their skills with the community. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the centre manager: Patricia Amartey-Herbert Tel: 07891 275325 or Email: [patricia.amartey-herbert@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.amartey-herbert@leeds.gov.uk)



*Picture above shows what the area of the new centre looked like in June*

**Below is what the centre looked like in August**

